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## AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 12-407 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 3 (2) "Sale" and "selling" mean and include: (a) Any transfer of title, exchange or barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any 4 5 means whatsoever, of tangible personal property for a consideration; 6 (b) any withdrawal, except a withdrawal pursuant to a transaction in 7 foreign or interstate commerce, of tangible personal property from the 8 place where it is located for delivery to a point in this state for the 9 purpose of the transfer of title, exchange or barter, conditional or 10 otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of the property 11 for a consideration; (c) the producing, fabricating, processing, printing 12 or imprinting of tangible personal property for a consideration for 13 consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used 14 in the producing, fabricating, processing, printing or imprinting, 15 including but not limited to, sign construction, photofinishing, duplicating and photocopying; (d) the furnishing and distributing of 16 17 tangible personal property for a consideration by social clubs and

fraternal organizations to their members or others; (e) the furnishing, preparing, or serving for a consideration of food, meals or drinks; (f) a transaction whereby the possession of property is transferred but the seller retains the title as security for the payment of the price; (g) a transfer for a consideration of the title of tangible personal property which has been produced, fabricated or printed to the special order of the customer, or of any publication, including but not limited to, sign construction, photofinishing, duplicating and photocopying; (h) a transfer for a consideration of the occupancy of any room or rooms in a hotel or lodging house for a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or less; (i) the rendering of certain services for a consideration, exclusive of such services rendered by an employee for the employer, as follows: (A) Computer and data processing services, including, but not limited to, time, programming, code writing, modification of programs, feasibility studies installation and implementation of software programs and systems even where such services are rendered in connection with the development, creation or production of canned or custom software or the license of custom software, and exclusive of services rendered in connection with the creation, development hosting or maintenance of all or part of a web site which is part of the graphical, hypertext portion of the Internet, commonly referred to as the World-Wide Web, (B) credit information and reporting services, (C) services by employment agencies and agencies providing personnel services, (D) private investigation, protection, patrol work, watchman and armored car services, exclusive of services of off-duty police officers and off-duty firefighters, (E) painting and lettering services, (F) photographic studio services, (G) telephone answering services, (H) stenographic services, (I) services to industrial, commercial or income-producing real property, including, but not limited to, such services as management, electrical, plumbing, painting and carpentry and excluding any such services rendered in the voluntary evaluation, prevention, treatment, containment or removal of hazardous waste, as defined in section 22a-115, or other contaminants of air, water or soil, provided income-producing

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property shall not include property used exclusively for residential purposes in which the owner resides and which contains no more than three dwelling units, or a housing facility for low and moderate income families and persons owned or operated by a nonprofit housing organization, as defined in subsection (29) of section 12-412, (J) business analysis, management, management consulting and public relations services, excluding (i) any environmental consulting services, and (ii) any training services provided by an institution of higher education licensed or accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher Education pursuant to section 10a-34, (K) services providing "piped-in" music to business or professional establishments, (L) flight instruction and chartering services by a certificated air carrier on an aircraft, the use of which for such purposes, but for the provisions of subsection (4) of section 12-410 and subsection (12) of section 12-411, would be deemed a retail sale and a taxable storage or use, respectively, of such aircraft by such carrier, [(M) motor vehicle repair services, including any type of repair, painting or replacement related to the body or any of the operating parts of a motor vehicle, (N)] M motor vehicle parking, including the provision of space, other than metered space, in a lot having thirty or more spaces, excluding (i) space in a seasonal parking lot provided by a person who is exempt from taxation under this chapter pursuant to subsection (1), (5) or (8) of section 12-412, (ii) space in a parking lot owned or leased under the terms of a lease of not less than ten years' duration and operated by an employer for the exclusive use of its employees, (iii) valet parking provided at any airport, and (iv) space in municipally-operated railroad parking facilities in municipalities located within an area of the state designated as a severe nonattainment area for ozone under the federal Clean Air Act, [(O)] (N) radio or television repair services, [(P)] (O) furniture reupholstering and repair services, [(Q)] (P) repair services to any electrical or electronic device, including, but not limited to, equipment used for purposes of refrigeration or air-conditioning, [(R)] (Q) lobbying or consulting services for purposes of representing the interests of a client in relation to the functions of any governmental

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86 entity or instrumentality, [(S)] (R) services of the agent of any person in 87 relation to the sale of any item of tangible personal property for such 88 person, exclusive of the services of a consignee selling works of art, as 89 defined in subsection (b) of section 12-376c, or articles of clothing or 90 footwear intended to be worn on or about the human body other than 91 (i) any special clothing or footwear primarily designed for athletic 92 activity or protective use and which is not normally worn except when 93 used for the athletic activity or protective use for which it was 94 designed, and (ii) jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, 95 watches and similar items carried on or about the human body but not 96 worn on the body in the manner characteristic of clothing intended for 97 exemption under subdivision (47) of section 12-412, under 98 consignment, exclusive of services provided by an auctioneer, [(T)] (S) 99 locksmith services, [(U)] (T) advertising or public relations services, 100 including layout, art direction, graphic design, mechanical preparation 101 or production supervision, not related to the development of media 102 advertising or cooperative direct mail advertising, [(V)] (U) landscaping and horticulture services, [(W)] (V) window cleaning 103 104 services, [(X)] (W) maintenance services, [(Y)] (X) janitorial services, 105 [(Z)] (Y) exterminating services, [(AA)] (Z) swimming pool cleaning and maintenance services, [(BB)] (AA) renovation and repair services 106 107 as set forth in this subparagraph, to other than industrial, commercial 108 or income-producing real property: Paving of any sort, painting or 109 staining, wallpapering, roofing, siding and exterior sheet metal work, 110 [(CC)] (BB) miscellaneous personal services included in industry group 111 729 in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, United States 112 Office of Management and Budget, 1987 edition, or U.S. industry 113 532220, 812191, 812199 or 812990 in the North American Industrial 114 Classification System United States manual, United States Office of 115 Management and Budget, 1997 edition, exclusive of (i) services 116 rendered by massage therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 384a, and 117 (ii) services rendered by a hypertrichologist licensed pursuant to 118 chapter 388, [(DD)] (CC) any repair or maintenance service to any item 119 of tangible personal property including any contract of warranty or service related to any such item, [(EE)] exclusive of such services to a residential property owner for the cleaning of an oil-burning boiler used to heat such property, (DD) business analysis, management or managing consulting services rendered by a general partner, or an affiliate thereof, to a limited partnership, provided (i) that the general partner, or an affiliate thereof, is compensated for the rendition of such services other than through a distributive share of partnership profits or an annual percentage of partnership capital or assets established in the limited partnership's offering statement, and (ii) the general partner, or an affiliate thereof, offers such services to others, including any other partnership. As used in subparagraph [(EE)(i)] (DD)(i) "an affiliate of a general partner" means an entity which is directly or indirectly owned fifty per cent or more in common with a general partner, [;] and [(FF)] (EE) notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-412, except subsection (87) thereof, patient care services, as defined in subsection (29) of this section by a hospital; (j) the leasing or rental of tangible personal property of any kind whatsoever, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, linen or towels, machinery or apparatus, office equipment and data processing equipment, provided for purposes of this subdivision and the application of sales and use tax to contracts of lease or rental of tangible personal property, the leasing or rental of any motion picture film by the owner or operator of a motion picture theater for purposes of display at such theater shall not constitute a sale within the meaning of this subsection; (k) the rendering of telecommunications service, as defined in subsection (26) of this section, for a consideration on or after January 1, 1990, exclusive of any such service rendered by an employee for the employer of such employee, subject to the provisions related to telecommunications service in accordance with section 12-407a; (l) the rendering of community antenna television service, as defined in subsection (27) of this section, for a consideration on or after January 1, 1990, exclusive of any such service rendered by an employee for the employer of such employee provided no tax shall be applied to any portion of any bill for such services which portion is attributable to any other tax levied

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by law; (m) the transfer for consideration of space or the right to use any space for the purpose of storage or mooring of any noncommercial vessel, exclusive of dry or wet storage or mooring of such vessel during the period commencing on the first day of November in any year to and including the thirtieth day of April of the next succeeding year; (n) the sale for consideration of naming rights to any place of amusement, entertainment or recreation within the meaning of subdivision (3) of section 12-540; (o) the transfer for consideration of a prepaid telephone calling service, as defined in subsection (34) of this section, and the recharge of a prepaid telephone calling service, provided, if the sale or recharge of a prepaid telephone calling service does not take place at the retailer's place of business and an item is shipped by the retailer to the customer, the sale or recharge shall be deemed to take place at the customer's shipping address, but, if such sale or recharge does not take place at the retailer's place of business and no item is shipped by the retailer to the customer, the sale or recharge shall be deemed to take place at the customer's billing address or the location associated with the customer's mobile telephone number. Wherever in this chapter reference is made to the sale of tangible personal property or services, it shall be construed to include sales described in this subsection, except as may be specifically provided to the contrary.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (19) of section 12-412 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 00-170, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

(19) Sales of and the storage, use or other consumption of (A) oxygen, blood or blood plasma when sold for medical use in humans or animals; (B) artificial devices individually designed, constructed or altered solely for the use of a particular handicapped person so as to become a brace, support, supplement, correction or substitute for the bodily structure, including the extremities of the individual, and repair or replacement parts and repair services rendered to property described in this subparagraph; (C) artificial limbs, artificial eyes and

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other equipment worn as a correction or substitute for any functioning portion of the body, custom-made wigs or hairpieces for persons with medically diagnosed total and permanent hair loss as a result of disease or the treatment of disease, artificial hearing aids when designed to be worn on the person of the owner or user, closed circuit television equipment used as a reading aid by persons who are visually impaired and repair or replacement parts and repair services rendered to property described in this subparagraph; (D) canes, crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and inclined stairway chairlifts for the use of invalids and handicapped persons, and repair or replacement parts and repair services to property described in this subparagraph; (E) any equipment used in support of or to supply vital life functions, including oxygen supply equipment used for humans or animals, kidney dialysis machines and any other such device used in necessary support of vital life functions, and apnea monitors, and repair or replacement parts and repair services rendered to property described in this subparagraph; and (F) support hose that is specially designed to aid in the circulation of blood and is purchased by a person who has a medical need for such hose. Repair or replacement parts are exempt whether purchased separately or in conjunction with the item for which they are intended, and whether such parts continue the original function or enhance the functionality of such item. As used in this subdivision, "repair services" means services that are described in subparagraph [(Q)] (P) or [(EE)] (DD) of subdivision (2)(i) of section 12-407.

- Sec. 3. Subdivision (27) of section 12-412 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 214 (27) (A) Sales of any items for [fifty cents] <u>one dollar</u> or less from 215 vending machines; or (B) sales of food products, as defined in 216 subsection (23) of this section, sold through coin-operated vending 217 machines.
- Sec. 4. Subdivision (109) of section 12-412 of the general statutes is

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- 219 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 220 (109) (A) Sales of college textbooks to full and part-time students
- 221 enrolled at institutions of higher education, provided the student
- 222 presents a valid student identification card. For purposes of this
- 223 [subdivision] subparagraph, "college textbooks" means new or used
- books and related workbooks required or recommended for a course at
- an institution of higher education.
- 226 (B) Sales of textbooks to students enrolled in private primary or
- 227 secondary schools. For purposes of this subparagraph, "textbooks"
- 228 means new or used books and related workbooks required or
- recommended for a course at a private primary or secondary school.
- Sec. 6. Section 12-412 of the general statutes is amended by adding
- 231 subdivisions (113) to (116), inclusive, as follows:
- 232 (NEW) (113) Soap intended for use on the human body.
- 233 (NEW) (114) Motor vehicles in sales transactions not substantially
- affecting the ownership of the vehicle.
- 235 (NEW) (115) Disposable diapers.
- 236 (NEW) (116) Medically necessary hypoallergenic bedding products.
- Sec. 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, and shall be applicable
- 238 to sales occurring on and after said date.

## Statement of Purpose:

To provide for exemptions from the sales and use taxes for certain goods and services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]